

## Abstract

A system and method for the signing and authentication of configuration settings using electronic signatures.

5 A method and system for improving the security associated with configuration files is disclosed. By associating an electronic signature with the configuration file it is possible to verify the privilege of a person either editing a configuration file, or on retrieval of the file prior to  
10 processing it is possible to ensure that the settings being implemented were implemented by a verified user.

[Fig. 2]